

June 19, 1975

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was opened by Chairman Bailes. The prayer was offered by Robert Ramey.

It was moved by Mr. Ramey to accept the minutes of the June 5th meeting as printed. This was seconded by Mr. Moore and all members agreed.

Mr. Kratz, Jordan, and Arrington spoke to Council again regarding roads in Port Bass.

Council requested Prof. Sam Watson of Clemson University make a survey of the heating and air conditioning systems in the County Buildings. Mr. Watson agreed to do this service at a cost of \$250.00 per day (or \$35.00 per hour), plus 20¢ per mile mileage. Mr. Ramey moved to allow him to make the analysis of the Public Service Building and Courthouse at the present. This was seconded by Mr. Herring. All in favor. Mr. Watson agreed to begin the early part of the week of June 23rd.

Councilman Moore moved to accept the deed of right-of-way for the street known as Kirk Drive in the Southern Meadows Sub-Division, (James Campbell and Ernest Alexander Developers.) This street now meets specifications. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, all members in favor.

Councilman Thomas made the following request in the form of a motion; that Council furnish a letter of commitment for the purchase of the Historical Oconee Station property for the sum of \$35,000.00 for Oconee's share. Other funds to come from BOR and PRT. This motion stating further that Oconee County will have no further obligations. The property to be owned by the State and Oconee County and would be used for a park. This motion was seconded by Moore and

carried. Councilman Moore moved that the County recommend to the Delegation that no "C" funds be used to construct a road from the Ocone Station to Ocone State Park. This was seconded by Mr. Ramey, all members agreed.

Mr. Moore moved to accept the deed of right-of-way for the streets in Port Santorini. This received a second by Mr. Ramey, all members voted yes.

Bob Ramey made a motion that any existing streets or roads that have been voted on and or which streets have already been deeded to the County that it will now be the same way as our new roads in sub-divisions with the proper signing of exhibit "A" and being accepted by the Supervisor of Public Works Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Moore. No discussion.

In committee reports, Councilman Herring stated that June Black Civil Defense Director had requested a new air-conditioner for the Civil Defense Office. He has already obtained 1 bid and Mr. Herring moved to allow Mr. Black to get 2 more bids, then accept the lowest. This was seconded by Mr. Thomas. All members agreed. Mr. Black requested permission to receive bids on a new ambulance for Unit 4 (to replace the one in wreck.) Mr. Herring moved to grant this request, this was seconded by Mr. Thomas. All members voted in favor.

Buddy Herring made a motion for salaries of Head Dispatcher be \$6,200.00, assistant dispatcher be \$5,700.00 and dispatchers be \$5,200.00. This was seconded by Mr. Ramey.

Richard Laye gave a progress report on the Communications System.

Council set the following salaries for Chief Dispatcher, \$6,200.00, Asst. Dispatcher, \$5,700.00, and dispatchers, \$5,200.00. Records clerks come under the grant and will be 3 @ \$5,200.00.

Councilman Ramey read the letter of resignation from Tax Assessor Ed White. Upon a motion by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mr. Thomas, Council unanimously accepted same.

Councilman Ramey moved to recommend to the Delegation the following be appointed to the Children's Foster Care Review Board: Fred Golden, Jr., Seneca and Mrs. Elizabeth Earle, Walhalla. This received a second from Mr. Moore. All in favor of the appointments. It was further agreed by Council upon a motion by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mr. Moore to re-appoint Mr. Sam Rochester, Jr. to the Social Services Board.

Councilman Ramey requested the following appointments to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission:

John W. Fields, Seneca to replace Mrs. John H. Ramsey with term to expire July 31, 1978

Alphonso Gaines, Seneca to replace Mr. W. N. Burley with term to expire July 31, 1976

Melvin Martin, Seneca for re-appointment with term to expire July 31, 1978

Mr. Ramey's motion was seconded by Mr. Herring. All members voted yes.

Robert Ramey read a letter from Congressman Butler Derrick regarding Legislation for the study of the Sierra Club's Southern Appalachian Slope National Recreational Area Proposal. Council agreed to go on record as opposing such legislation upon a motion by Mr. Ramey seconded by Mr. Moore, and further agreed to prepare a letter to this effect. The matter was then referred to the Intergovernmental Committee.

Councilman Ramey moved to send a letter of thanks to Congressman Derrick for his efforts in obtaining the Natural Gas Tax exemption for the Textile Industry. This received a second from Mr. Moore. All Council members agreed. It was also agreed to draft letters to Senators Hollings & Thurmond urging their support in the Senate. All members agreed.

Mr. Ramey invited Council to the Appalachian Council meeting in Gaffney, Friday, June 27th.

Councilman Moore presented 2 notices to be posted at the work camp; #1 regarding County vehicles not being driven except on official County Business except the Supervisor, Camp Sgt. and Road Supt. Mr. Moore moved to accept this, second by Mr. Thomas, all in favor. Also along the same line, Mr. Moore moved to post a notice relating to meals at the Camp. The notice stating no employees to eat at the Camp with exception of guards and warden without written permission of the Supervisor. This motion by Ramey was seconded by Mr. Thomas. All members were in favor.

Mr. Moore gave a progress report of the work being done by the Supervisor, noting he was now completing the surfacing the George Todd Road. From there, crews are scheduled to go to the Clinkscales Road in Seneca and from there to the Lake View Landfill Road. Council agreed with Mr. Moore's recommendation for these roads (in this Order) to be done upon the motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thomas with all members voting in favor.

Mr. Moore moved to except the bid for paving the Chau Ram County Park Road for \$23,450 from Piedmont Paving Company, Toccoa, Ga. The work to be completed with 10 days. This was seconded by Mr. Herring with all members in favor.

Councilman Moore moved to accept a bid of \$21,727.00 for a 10 wheeler Diesel Dump truck for the Supervisor's Department. This was seconded by Mr. Ramey, with the addition of an amendment for the Finance and Public Works Committee approval, second to the amendment by Mr. Herring. All members voting yes. The approval of the purchase subject to the Finance Committee approval of funds.

Councilman Moore presented a price for a new farm tractor to be used in mowing road shoulder (with trade-in of Countys 16 year old tractor) of \$3,850.00 and moved to accept same. Seconded by Mr. Ramey. All members were in favor.

Mr. Moore further requested permission to spend up to \$3,500.00 for a used flat bed truck to be used as a water truck for the Supervisor's department. This move was seconded by Mr. Herring. All again were in favor of this.

Councilman Thomas recommended the parking lot at Salem School be paved during the summer recess, at times that would not interfere with the paving program. This was seconded by Mr. Moore. Councilman Herring requested this also be done for Fairplay School. Councilman Thomas added this to his motion and it was approved by entire Council.

Councilman Thomas recommended hiring the audit firm of Rogers, Gregory & Brigman to conduct the County audit for the fiscal year 1974-75, all members were in favor.

Councilman Thomas also reported to Council the purchase of a used ice machine for the Camp.

Bids on Bonds and Insurance was discussed, no action taken.

Mr. Ramey moved to authorize Update to prepare payroll and budget date the sum of \$10,400, this was seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Ramey informed Council that a claim for the copy machine used by the Library on a lease-purchase plan had been submitted. Mr. Ramey then made a motion not to pay the claim and send the machine back, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and to deliver the 3M Copier from the Judge's office to the Library. All were in favor.

Mr. Thomas requested to receive bids on installing radio equipment. Mr. Thomas also suggested moving the base station to Supervisor's office.

Mr. Bailes read a letter from Bessie Cleveland in Reedy Fork for request for road work. It was referred to Mr. Moore's committee.

Mr. Bailes stated that the County has received \$2,000.00 from the Estate of Eloise Wyley for improvements to Children's Home. Library also received \$2,000.00 and it was placed in the Building Fund.

Mr. Bailes read a letter to Mr. Murdock from Appalachian District State Board of Health concerning Dental Program in Ocone. This was to request amount of claims to be approved be increased from \$50.00 to \$500.00 in order to insure quicker services for dental patients in Ocone. Mr. Herring was not ready for a recommendation to Council. He will bring one at a later date.

Request by McKee Grading for road work near the Senconee Motel in was read by Chairman Bailes.

Council voted to accept as information a letter from Tri-County Tec concerning committment for Tri-County Tec. The motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Ramey, all in favor.

Mr. Moore discussed holding special meetings in communities, and holding regular meetings at the Council office. This was discussion only.

A move to adjourn was made by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mr. Moore.